



GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
MINES & MINERAL DEPARTMENT

Dated Lahore, the 3rd March, 2023

ORDER

SUBJECT: - No. SOT(M&M)4-1/2023(ORDER 2/2023)-DIRECTIONS TO CHIEF INSPECTORATE OF MINES (CIM) TO ENSURE SAFE AND SCIENTIFIC MINING UNDER THE MINES ACT 1923.

Whereas, it has been observed that there is a recent surge in mines accidents, resulting in serious injuries to mining labour & loss of precious human lives.

2. **And, Whereas**, the core duty of the office of Chief Inspectorate of Mines (CIM) under Mines Act, 1923 and its subordinate legislation, is to do the inspections of mines, examine the state and condition of any mine, the ventilation of the mine, and all matters and things connected thereto or relating to the safety of the persons employed in the mines.

3. **And, Whereas**, the officers of CIM are also responsible to ensure that no dangerous mining take place.

4. **And, Whereas**, the officers have miserably failed to perform their official duties, due to which unabated unsafe and dangerous mining is taking place all over the Punjab, which undoubtedly falls under the definition of inefficiency, misconduct & corrupt practices.

5. **And, Whereas**, it has been further observed that the officers of CIM are not inspecting the mines regularly besides not reaching up to the working phase/face of the mines.

6. **And, Whereas**, the officers are also not ensuring provision of safety equipment to the labour by the leaseholders.

7. **And, Whereas**, this clearly shows that the provisions of the Mines Act, 1923 and its subordinate legislation are not being implemented in letter & spirit.

8. **Now, Therefore**, in order to shun poor practices and reckless work ethic and to ensure scientific and safe mining, it is directed that:

- i. The officers of CIM shall **inspect Mines on Android Tablets** already procured through an ADP Scheme.

- ii. The Inspector & Junior Inspector of Mines will **personally visit** the mines under their respective area of jurisdiction, recording time, location, coordinates etc, to ensure that provision of Mines Act, 1923 are being implemented by the leaseholders.
- iii. The officers will also ensure that all **necessary safety measures** have been enforced for the health & safety of mining labour.
- iv. The CIM will prepare a **weekly inspection schedule** of all the field officers and share with Administrative Department on weekly basis substantiated with pictorial evidence.
- v. The actions taken by each officer shall be **shared on excel format every Friday**.
- vi. The CIM is also directed to ensure that **online inspection Dashboard** be operationalized within a period of one month so that proper and **real time performance monitoring** of the officers could be ensured.
- vii. Strict disciplinary action shall be taken against the delinquent officers who wilfully allow violation of terms and conditions in their respective area of jurisdiction.

(BABAR AMAN BABAR) (PAS)
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